

DETAILED PROGRAM

CEREMONY

All times approximate

When	Who	What	Where
1:15 pm	Groom-to-be	Wait separately out of site of ceremony	-
1:15 pm	Bride-to-be	Wait separately out of site of ceremony	-
1:15 pm	Groom-to-be side	Prepare gifts and review schedule with family representative	
1:30 pm	Hospitality	serve water to arriving guests	
1:50 pm	Bride-to-be family and representative	Prepare to make their way to ceremony stage	
2:00 pm	Ceremony Begins		Hall location
Introduction	Bride-to-be family and representative	Enter and take seats	Hall (seating arrangement) - women on stage and men/elders at front of stage
	MC	- welcomes Bride-to-be family and guests - begins ceremony w/ prayer and song	Hall
	Everyone	Sing opening song	Hall
	-	Give opening prayer	Hall
	MC	Introduces Bride-to-be representative and hands stage over to her.	Hall
	Bride-to-be representative	Bible reading	Hall
	Groom-to-be family and representative	Approach and wait at main entrance	Hall entrance
Agbo-shimo (Arrival of guests at Campbells)	Bride-to-be representative	States reason for presence... waiting for important visitors to arrive	Hall
	-	Signal for Groom-to-be family to proceed with “knocking”	

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	Groom-to-be family	Call out “Agoo” #1 by family representative	Hall entrance
	Bride-to-be representative	Hears and asks a helper to answer door	Hall
	Helper	Goes and answers door	Hall
	Groom-to-be family	Call out “Agoo” #2 by family representative	Hall entrance
	Bride-to-be family and representative, and well wishers	Responds “Amee”	Hall
	Groom-to-be family	Call out “Agoo” #3 by family representative	Hall entrance
	Bride-to-be family and representative, and well wishers	Responds “Amee” and asks visitors to enter	Hall
	Groom-to-be family	Enters hall and are seated by host family led by bride-to-be representative	Hall (seating arrangement) - women on stage and men/elders at front of stage
	Hospitality	Serve water to Groom-to-be family	Hall
	Bride-to-be representative	asks Groom-to-be family of their mission	Hall
	Groom-to-be representative	provides a response	Hall
	Bride-to-be representative	Informs Bride-to-be family of arrival of expected guests and asks elders for permission to begin ceremony	Hall
	Bride-to-be elder	Once permission granted ceremony begins	Hall
	Bride-to-be representative	Introduces Bride-to-be family and helpers	Hall
	Groom-to-be representative	Introduces Groom-to-be family and helpers	Hall
Part 1			

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Agbo-Shimo & Kplemo Daa (Knocking & Acceptance)	Bride-to-be representative	List given to Groom-to-be family as specified by traditional marriage. Asks Groom-to-be representative to proceed according to tradition when ready.	Hall
	Groom-to-be representative	Responds to Bride-to-be representative and follows up with Agbo-shimo and Kplemo Daa	Hall
	Groom-to-be representative	Present envelopes for Agbo-shimo and Kplemo Daa on tray to Bride-to-be representative	Hall
Weku Daa (Family Drinks)	Groom-to-be representative	Presentation of drinks to the family (2)	Hall
Tse Ke Nye Hiekwemo (Consultation w/ parents)	Groom-to-be representative	presentation of mother's cloth and gift envelope	Hall
	Groom-to-be representative	presentation of father's cloth and gift envelope	Hall
	Groom-to-be representative	Presentation of bottles of wine (2) to parents	Hall
Shabi Daa (Brothers-in-law)	Groom-to-be representative	presentation of gift envelopes to brothers	Hall
Interlude	Everyone	sing Interlude song	Hall
Part 2			
Ga-Woo	Groom-to-be representative	Presentation of ring, Bible, and <i>dawri</i>	Hall
See Nihamo	Groom-to-be representative	Presentation of bride-to-be's cloth, jewelry, and any additional items	Hall
Summary	Bride-to-be representative	Informs Bride-to-be family of completion of items on list and recommends that elders accept the presentations	Hall
	-	Groom-to-be to prepare to enter	Hall entrance

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	Bride-to-be elders	Elders accept and approve presentations	Hall
Part 3			
Presentation of groom and bride to be (upon acceptance of gift presentations)	Bride-to-be representative	Asks to see the Groom-to-be	Hall
	Groom-to-be representative	Leaves to go to door to get Groom-to-be	Hall entrance
	Groom-to-be representative	- Gets groom-to-be, greets elders, and ladies on stage. Presents him to Bride-to-be representative.	Hall
	Bride-to-be representative	Presents Groom-to-be to Bride-to-be family	Hall
	Groom-to-be representative	Requests Bride-to-be	Hall
	Bride-to-be family member (possibly an Aunt)	- Brings decoys to present to Groom-to-be then brings bride-to-be - Bride-to-be greets and presents Bride-to-be to Groom-to-be family.	Hall
	Bride-to-be representative	Asks for blessing of the ring through prayer (preferably done by an elder); ring placed on finger.	Hall
	Everyone	cheers!	Hall
	Groom-to-be	Hands bouquet to bride-to-be	Hall
	Bride-to-be representative	Asks for approval and hand over of Bride-to-be from elder	Hall
	Bride-to-be elder	Approves hand over of bride-to-be to elder on Groom-to-be side	Hall
	Bride and groom-to-be	Go and sit by elder on Groom-to-be side	Hall
Conclusion	Bride-to-be representative	Hands over stage to MC	Hall
	Everyone led by MC	Sing closing song of thanksgiving	Hall
	MC	Asks for closing prayer	Hall
	-	Closing prayer	Hall

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	MC	Gives final announcement for picture taking, cocktail and reception to follow. Tables to be set up and allocated for guests during reception.	Hall
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